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Subject: End of Day -- April 3, 2018

PRESS

CBS KPIX5 – San Francisco (Leslie Donaldson) [received 3/29] – CLOSED – Producer read about final judgement in the Lava Cap Mines case and wanted to know the status of remediation work for the Lost Lake and groundwater OUs. We had provided written response, producer now has follow-up question about timeline of activities. Provided follow-up response. SFD, ORC, NorCal, Michele Huitric

AP (Felicia Fonseca) [Received 3/28] – OPEN – Reporter looking to clarify what definition of "tribal entity" is in national superfund database. Webteam looking into definitions. SFD/AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan

KRCB/Living Downstream Podcast (Ellen Berkovitch) [Received 3/16] -OPEN- Reporter attended Red Water Pond Road Community meeting on Wednesday and recorded the meeting. Followed up with reporter today who will likely send topics she is interested in, including NECR, Quivira EE/CA, Black Mesa and Superfund relocation rules. Sent response to HQ for approval. SFD, AZ/Navajo Margot Perez-Sullivan

CoStar Group (Jacquelyn Ryan) [Received 4/2]—CLOSED— Editor was looking for information about a site in Canoga Park. Wanted information on potential buyers. Referred editor to Water Board, which has the lead on the site. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Environmental Education (EE) Grants – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages about the Request for Proposals under the 2018 EE Local Grants Program and linked to the <u>Environmental Education Grants website</u>.

Web Updates:

2018 Bioresources Symposium – Added a "Save the Date!" announcement to our <u>California Bioresources Alliance Symposia</u> website.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52): Brent Maier received some questions in follow up to a recent conference call we had with Anais Borja in Congressman Scott Peters' DC office regarding the Tijuana sewage issue and some ongoing studies. Water Division's Doug Eberhardt provided responses which were shared with Anais Borja. Anais shared a document in her

message which was a proposal from the City of San Diego for the Corps of Engineers to conduct a hydrologic and hydraulic study of the Tijuana River. The Corps is now conducting this study, which is primarily focused on flood control. We let her know that EPA has not been involved in this study and we do not know when the Corps will release it. We let her know that EPA is funding a diagnostic study through the North American Development Bank (NADB) that will examine operations and maintenance procedures in Mexico and alternatives for new and/or improved infrastructure on both sides of the border to reduce the number and amount of transboundary sewage flows in the Tijuana River. NADB has reviewed proposals from several contractors and is now preparing to award a contract. We expect the study to be completed in November/December 2018. Anais in her questions asked our opinion on whether the Congressman should explore the possibility of a field hearing and we let her know that from EPA's standpoint, the most important step to take now to address transboundary sewage issues in the Tijuana River is to complete the EPA/NADB diagnostic study. Until this is complete, we will not know which potential solutions are feasible and effective. Thus, it may be premature to consider a field hearing, if the purpose is to discuss solutions to the transboundary sewage issues.

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52): Brent Maier was contacted today by Field Representative Howard Ou in Congressman Scott Peters' District office who received an inquiry from a constituent concerned about air quality at Otay Mesa. The constituent expressed that they know a lot of work is happening around air quality at San Ysidro, but feel that Otay Mesa is being ignored. Howard recalled our briefing by Air Division's Amy Zimpfer last October and is sure we are doing work to address air concerns in the area of Otay Mesa and wanted to see if we could share with him either information on our ongoing air work at Otay Mesa or be able to point their constituent to information/studies that describe our work. Brent has reached out to Air Division's Amy Zimpfer regarding this inquiry.

Region 9 FY2019 Congressional Budget Hearing Submittals: Chief of Staff Amy Miller finalized the fact sheet submittals for the upcoming budget hearings which were forwarded on to OCIR's Christina Moody today. Submittals included fact sheets on the following topics: Northern California Wildfires; Hunters Point Naval Shipyard; Anaconda Copper Mine Site; Eureka Smelter Removal Action; Red Hill; U.S./Mexico Border Infrastructure Program; and Navajo Nation Abandoned Uranium Mines.

Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with California Water Districts: On Tuesday, April 10th, a delegation representing the Boards of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the Triunfo Sanitation District, in Calabasas and Ventura, California, respectively, will meet with Office of Water, Region IX, and OIR staff to discuss water recycling projects the districts are working on. The group is also interested in the WIFIA program, and looking forward to dialogue and updates. Glen Peterson, President, Board of Directors, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and Michael Paule, Chairman, Board of Directors, Triunfo Sanitation District, will lead the delegation. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Week of April 23, 2018 (Day/Time TBD) – House Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Energy and Commerce Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt